

2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: Northern California District Resource Advisory Council

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1. Department or Agency

Department of the Interior

2. Fiscal Year

2018

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Northern California District Resource Advisory Council

3b. GSA Committee No.

2553

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

06/01/2015

6. Expected Renewal Date

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

43 U.S.C. 1701

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority

Federal Land Policy and Management Act, Sec. 309

13. Effective Date

10/21/1976

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee Non Scientific Program Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a. Open Meetings and Dates 0 17b. Closed Meetings and Dates 0 17c. Partially Closed Meetings and Dates 0 17d. Total Meetings and Dates 0

No Meetings

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$7,000.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$6,000.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$0.00	\$1,000.00

18d. Total	\$0.00	\$14,000.00
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19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.20
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20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

RAC members bring perspectives from across the Northern California District, a very diverse area, to their discussions. Members confer with their constituencies and share their concerns with the BLM, and share BLM positions with the interest groups they represent.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

There are efforts by the BLM to ensure the committee contains members who reside in communities across northern California and northwest Nevada, the geographic boundary of the BLM Northern California District. The committee balances its membership by reaching out to interest groups across the district, ensuring that members represent the interests set forward in the charter.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

Estimated Number of Meetings per Year : 3 to 4. The RAC did not meet in FY 2018. Frequent meetings are important for RAC members and BLM managers to develop strong working relationships, and for RAC members to gain full understanding of complex issues. Input from the RAC will be critical, as the district undertakes a land use plan revision affecting two of the four field offices.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

RAC members offer unique local perspectives to BLM decision-makers. The committee works to reach balanced recommendations by working in a collaborative way to discuss and debate topics. This could not be achieved if the BLM consulted individually with groups across the vast expanse of the BLM district.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

All meetings are open.

21. Remarks

The Northern California District RAC was created from a merger of the former Northeast California and Northwest California resource advisory councils. No meetings were held in FY18.

Designated Federal Officer

Alan Bittner BLM Northern California District Manager

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Abbs, Alan	06/01/2015	06/01/2018	Rights-of Way Representative	Representative Member
Bernstein, John	06/01/2015	06/01/2018	North Coast Program Manager, The Trust for Public Land	Representative Member
Nordstrom, Mary	06/01/2015	06/01/2018	Retired	Representative Member
Powell, Jennifer	06/01/2015	06/01/2018	Represent dispersed recreation interests	Representative Member
Swickard, Todd	06/01/2015	06/01/2018	Rancher/Cattlemen	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 5

Narrative Description

The council considers diverse interests and concerns by by directly involving members of the public in the decision-making processes affecting the public lands. Consulting with this advisory council provides the BLM with a way for agency leaders to arrive at balanced decisions that are fully informed by public needs and desires.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

Advisory council recommendations for public lands and natural resource management can directly influence public health and safety. Involving the public improves government transparency and trust. The Resource Advisory Council advises the Secretary of the Interior through the BLM, and therefore has the opportunity to influence public policy.

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>

\$100,000 - \$500,000

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\$500,001 - \$1,000,000

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\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000

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\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000

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Over \$10,000,000

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Cost Savings Other

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Cost Savings Comments

Not Applicable

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

0

Number of Recommendations Comments

The committee held its only meeting in November 2015 and has not yet made recommendations.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

No recommendations for FY 2018, as there were no meetings.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

0

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☐ No ☒ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

Not Applicable

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

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|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Reorganized Priorities | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Reallocated resources | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Issued new regulation | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Proposed legislation | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Approved grants or other payments | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Action Comments

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

Not Applicable

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

- | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Contact DFO | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Online Agency Web Site | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Online Committee Web Site | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Online GSA FACA Web Site | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Publications | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Access Comments

Not Applicable